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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: POSSIBLE DEBATE ON THE  
KOREAN ITEM IN THE 31ST UNGA - SIERRA LEONE

REF: FREETOWN 1310

1. DOCUMENT CITED IN REFTTEL IS ANNOTATION BY ALGERIA  
ON KOREAN ITEM IN THE NON-ALIGNED AGENDA. IT HAS  
BEEN CIRCULATED BY THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE (NACC) TO ITS MEMBERS PLUS OTHER NON-ALIGNED  
MEMBERS.

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON LIKELY GOSL REACTIONS ARE  
WELL TAKEN. PAPER AS IT STANDS HAS NO RECOMMENDATION  
OR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AND IT IS THIS THAT NACC WILL  
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CURRENTLY MEETING IN NEW YORK TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR CONSIDERATION AT ALGIERS MEETING OF NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS. WE CAN EXPECT THAT NACC WILL HAVE RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION PROPOSALS AT LEAST AS HOSTILE TO ROKG AND US AS POSITION TAKEN LAST YEAR AT LIMA. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS ARE CIRCULATING AN ADDITION TO THE ALGERIAN ANNOTATION, WHICH CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, A FORMULATION WHICH WOULD CLEARLY SET THE NON-ALIGNED ON RECORD IN OPPOSITION TO US FORCE PRESENCE IN KOREA.

3. IT IS THIS CONFRONTATIONAL ADDITION TO THE BASIC ANNOTATION WHICH WE HOPE NON-ALIGNED COULD BE PERSUADED WOULD MAKE NO CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE. ESPECIALLY WE WOULD CONSIDER NON-ALIGNED ENDORSEMENT OF SUCH A NORTH KOREAN POSITION AS NOT ONLY PARTISAN BUT LEADING DIRECTLY TO A WASTEFUL AND CONTENTIOUS CONTROVERSY AT THE UN.

4. AS A GENERAL POSITION, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD APPROACH THE KOREAN QUESTION IN AN EVEN-HANDED MANNER AND AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD HEIGHTEN TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. NAC RESOLUTION ON KOREA LAST YEAR WAS CLEARLY AIMED AT US AS WELL AS ROKG AND WAS THE FORMULATION ALGERIA INTRODUCED INTO 30TH UNGA. WE HOPE THAT NON-ALIGNED WOULD NOT TAKE ANY PART IN SUPPORT OF ANY ONE SIDE AND WHICH WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE CONTINUED PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

5. SUGGEST YOU USE FOREGOING IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES IN CONSIDERING APPROACH TO GOSL.

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